Observation of protest day by employees

4233. DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the confederation of the Central Government employees and workers had observed 18th July, 2001 as a protest day;

(b) if so, what are their demands; and

(c) what is Government's reaction on each of their demand separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) and (b) Some sections of the Central Government employees, affiliated to the Confederation of the Central Government Employees and Workers, had observed July 18, 2001 as anti-privatisation day to protest against the economic and labour policies of the Central Government, including privatization, downsizing in Government departments, and curtailment of fiscal benefits.

(c) With the object of promoting harmonious relations and of securing the greatest measures of cooperation between the Government, in its capacity as employer, and the general body of its employees, Government had, in consultation with the Staff Side, established in 1966 the scheme for Joint Consultative Machinery and Compulsory Arbitration for Central Government employees. Under this scheme, a well-defined machinery already exists to settle matters of common concern, including service conditions of employees and other related issues, through the process of negotiation and arbitration. The issues raised in the Charter of Demands can be considered through this mechanism and the Staff Side have already given an agenda item thereon for the next meeting.

Irregularities in empanelling IAS officers

4234. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of irregularities are alleged to have been committed by the Committees of Secretaries while empanelling IAS officers of 1970 Batch as Additional Secretary to Government of India;

(b) Government's reactions to the charges of irregularities levelled, in the articles appearing in the 'Indian Express' and the 'Hindustan Times' on 22nd June, 2001; and

(c) what steps Government propose to undertake to sort out the alleged irregularities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) and (b) Government have seen the articles appearing in the 'Indian Express' and the 'Hindustan Times' on 22nd June, 2001 alleging irregularities committed by the Committee of Secretaries while empanelling IAS officers of 1970 Batch as Additional Secretary to Government of India. It is denied that any irregularity was committed in the empanelment.

(c) Does not arise.

Receipt of papers related to Bofors Gun from Switzerland

4235. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the batches of papers regarding Bofors gun purchase have been received from Switzerland by C.B.I.;

(b) if so, by when C.B.I. is likely to submit all the papers before relevant court; and

(c) by when the names of recepients of hush money are likely to be made public and action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) and (b) As per the information furnished by the Central Bureau of Investigation, all batches of papers regarding Bofors gun purchase have not been received from Switzerland. However, the relevant documents received so far from Switzerland from time to time have already been filed in the court in support of the chargesheets against accused persons.

(c) Names of the recipients of commission amounts from Bofors, in relation to 155mm gun contract with the Government of India have already been stated in the chargesheets filed in the court, on 22-10-1999 and 9-10-2000.